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**RESPONSE TO 4 OCTOBER 2008 OFFICE ACTION
(37 CFR §1.111)**

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Following is a Response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2008.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

The period for response is hereby extended TWO month(s) to expire March 4, 2008 by this Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time. A charge authorization for the appropriate petition fee of \$230 (37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

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